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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONFERENCE IN ABIDJAN

REF: A)STATE 170008 B) ABIDJAN 8125

1. REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY REFTEL (B) WHETHER DEPARTMENT WISHES USE FACILITIES HOTEL IVOIRE FOR CONSULAR CONFERENCE. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THIS OPTION AS PREFERABLE TO ON-SITE EMBASSY LOCATION WHICH HAS LESS SUITABLE CONFERENCE SPACE. IF HOTEL IVOIRE TO BE USED, CONFERENCE ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE SEND FISCAL DATA.

2. ADVISE WHETHER DEPARTMENT WISHES EMBASSY TO MAKE ANY OTHER ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE BESIDES ARRANGING CONFERENCE SPACE AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS. WOULD BE HELPFUL IF ADVANCE PERSON ARRIVED ONE TO TWO DAYS PRIOR TO CONFERENCE TO ASSIST COORDINATE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS. ADVANCE PERSON SHOULD BRING WITH HIM COPIES OF CONFERENCE AGENDA TO INCLUDE IN WELCOME KITS EMBASSY PREPARING FOR PARTICIPANTS.

3. IN EVENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING ANOTHER COMMUNICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN ABIDJAN CONFERENCE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REMIND THAT VISAS FOR IVORY COAST ARE REQUIRED. AIRPORT VISAS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT AVAILABLE. WHERE NO IVORY COAST REPRESENTATION EXISTS, VISAS MAY BE OBTAINED THROUGH FRENCH EMBASSIES.

4. FYI. IN VIEW OF ALREADY-STRAINED TRANSPORTATION
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CAPABILITY, EMBASSY PLANS TO MEET ONLY WASHINGTON

PARTICIPANTS AT AIRPORT. CONSULAR
OFFICERS FROM OTHER POSTS WILL BE REQUESTED TO TAKE
TAXI FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL. END FYI.
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